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Looking under the Hood
Embedded Actors and Local Institutions in the making of Globalization

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1. Even if we treat the "global" as a new level of analysis it still involves embedded agents and is thus embedded itself (Introduction).
2. The interests and behavior of non-state actors are influenced by the institutional environment in which they are embedded. Treating them as an independent force in the international political economy is a one sided argument (Conclusions).
3. In our analysis, we should treat states as organizational structures and ask how their capacity to perform their basic functions contributes towards a global structure that supports economic integration.
4. About 90 per cent of the variation in sovereign bond ratings by the "big-three" agencies can be reproduced by publicly available information. The remaining 10 per cent is a mixture of opinions and randomness and it's not as useful in predicting default.
5. While influential scholars believe that "the perceptions of ordinary citizens are more to be trusted than the pretensions of national leaders"...Gallup polls consistently show that about 30 per cent of the population in advanced industrialized countries believe the sun revolves around the earth.
6. "Facts are meaningless. You could use facts to prove anything that's even remotely true." - Homer Simpson.